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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 5 Percent in August

HARRISBURG, PA, Sep 22, 2006 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during August 2006 totaled 105.6 million pounds, up 5 percent from August 2005, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 92.8 million pounds live weight, was down 1 percent from August 2005. Total head slaughtered was 76,600, also down 1 percent. Live weight averaged 1,212 pounds, unchanged from last year. Veal production was 7.1 million pounds live weight, up 32 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 16,600 head was up 32 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 426 pounds.

Pork production was 61.8 million pounds live weight, up 8 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 252,400, up 6 percent from August 2005. Average live weight increased 4 pound from last year to 245 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during August 2006 was 429,000 pounds live weight, down 9 percent. The number slaughtered was 4,500, down 6 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 94 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in August 2006 totaled 4.24 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 4.10 billion pounds produced in August 2005. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.44 billion pounds, was up 5 percent. Veal production totaled 14.2 million pounds, up 4 percent from August a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from August 2005.

January-August red meat production was 31.3 billion pounds, up 4 percent from August 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

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